

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 9, 11-13 and 15-20 are allowed because the Declaration has been submitted on 08/11/09 to show the unexpected characteristics in the use of "at least 30 mol% of the acid component", such as the higher solvent solubility (Ex. No. 3-5) in Table 1 compared to those who has less than 30 mole%, in the claimed thermoplastic imide oligomer.

Claim 14, embraces the thermoplastic imide oligomer of claim 9, will be rejoined and be allowed also.

Therefore, claims 9, and 11-20 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duc Truong whose telephone number is 571-272-1081. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

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